

Tigers shifted into the single wing, with the Bears using a tight six, five defense. Donelli called a spinner play. He crashed through the line, and from the roar of the crowd he knew he had scored. At this point the game ceased to be a contest. The Tigers ran wild.

The players were a screaming mob on the way to the dressing room. Donelli was dead tired, but it was a satisfying feeling. He surveyed the scene and knew he would be back, not as Bill Donelli, specialist, but as Bill Donelli, All-American.

—JACK REARDON

RUGBY VS. CANADIAN FOOTBALL

Today, Rugby at Saint Dunstan's, is at the crossroads. Canadian football, the Autumn pastime in Central Canada, is now making serious inroads in regard to Rugby on the East and West Coasts. In the Maritime Provinces, only four colleges are left where Rugby is played. At least two of the aforementioned are contemplating the change to Canadian Football next Autumn. If these two colleges make the change, intercollegiate Rugby has heard it's death knell. The questions now pose themselves, Can Saint Dunstan's change to Canadian football? and should she change?

First of all, the change to Canadian football would entail the expenditure of a large amount of money. A conservative estimate would be that it would cost at least fifteen hundred dollars to equip twenty four players with equipment, the number necessary to conduct scrimmages. Can the college afford this?

Secondly, Saint Dunstan's, compared with the other Maritime Colleges, with whom she will be competing, is a David against a string of Goliaths. In Rugby this sizable difference in numerical strength was a handicap; but as the records show, she more than held her own in this sport. Canadian football, however, differs in many respects from Rugby. It is a more complex game, and it takes a great deal of practice. One must have mastered the fundamentals of the game before he can become a good player. Many of the other Maritime colleges have a large number of students from Central Canada, and the U. S., many of whom have played a great deal of football in high school under expert

coaching, before attending college. Saint Dunstan's has no such reservoir from which to draw experienced players. Also size and speed play an important factor in this game, and it naturally follows that these larger colleges will be able to obtain a larger number of men with these qualifications. Can Saint Dunstan's field Canadian football teams that will be on a par with those of the other Maritime colleges?

Another obstacle in the way of Canadian football is the fact that Rugby originated in Britain and that the Rugby played in Canada is a link with the mother country. Many people have an affection for it because of this fact. Also, they feel that Canadian football is merely a copy of the game which is so popular in the U. S., and not Canadian at all. This last proposition is not true however. Football, except for the fact that it evolved from Rugger, is distinctly a Canadian game. It first originated at the University of Toronto, and from there is spread to the U. S. If it is a Canadian game, and if it were played all over Canada, would it not help to develop a culture which is Canadian, and help to promote a greater spirit of national unity?

Finally, how great is the actual interest in Rugby? From a player point of view it is popular, but as a spectator sport it has been a failure in Canada. It has failed to capture the imagination of the sporting public. A good example of this may be found here at Saint Dunstan's. This year Saint Dunstan's had the top Rugby team in the Maritimes. A team that played Rugby well enough to thoroughly interest a supporter of the game. Yet this year the athletic association reported a deficit, financially speaking, in regard to Rugby. This definitely shows that the games fail to draw a large number of spectators. On the other hand, Canadian football seems to be doing very well in this respect at the other Maritime colleges that have adopted it.

In answer to the question as to whether the college can obtain the money necessary for equipment in regard to Canadian football, it can be done. Fifteen hundred dollars is a large amount of money, but with sufficient effort, the amount is not insurmountable.

As to whether she should change to Canadian football, I think the answer is an overwhelming yes. The advantages which would accrue from it, I think, would far outweigh any disadvantages. Intercollegiate Rugby is on it's deathbed. If Saint Dunstan's does not change to Canadian football, she will have only two sports left in which intercollegiate com-

petition is engaged in. Yet this is as important to a college as intercollegiate debating, or the exchange of ideas between colleges. It promotes spirit, it stimulates interest in athletics, it brings attention to the college, and it benefits the players in many ways, these benefits not being able to be obtained from other means.

As to whether Saint Dunstan's can produce Canadian football teams that will be on a par with those of the other colleges, we'll have to let past records be the judge. In the last five years Saint Dunstan's, with an average of one hundred and fifty college students attending each year, has won the Canadian Debating Championship once, reached the finals once, has won the Maritime Rugby Championship twice, and has won the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Basketball Championship twice. Does this sound like a college that would let lack of numbers make a difference?

—EDITORIAL

WHO'S BLUE?

Who's Blue? That question is a little misleading; for I do not mean the "blue" you are thinking of. There are "blue", "blue" and "Blue". Let us say the first "blue" is the word used to designate the colour—as in 'navy blue.' The second "blue" is commonly used in reference to a mental or emotional state or an "attack of melancholia". (The second "blue" when in the plural is sometimes the title of a "musical composition".) The third "Blue"—and the one I use—is a family name - - - well not exactly a family name, for I have only heard of the one person with the surname of Blue - - - then again I suppose it is permissible to say Blue is a family name, for there must be some (though not a multitude) who have personalities similar to that of Mr. Blue.

The New York Times has called Mr. Blue "a human paradox"; and all will admit, I'm sure that The New York Times is anything but a sensational newspaper. The Jesuits printed this in America: "Mr. Blue is different, so gloriously different that dull witted people would think him fantastic and even grotesque." Somebody wrote in Commonweal that Blue's life was "a fantasy". (My intention was not to accuse that "somebody" of being dull witted; the Jesuits could have been wrong.) Yes, J. Blue "made" all the periodicals that